Star-W Year 1 Abstract

May 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004

District Information	Description of Project	Technology used
District(s): Atlantic City Public Schools **School(s):** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School **Project Director:** Mrs. Marilyn Cohen, Project Director 609-343-7200 x 5681 marilyn726@aol.com **Superintendent:** Mr. Fredrick Nickles, Superintendent 609-343-7200	Writing and peer editing with handheld computers, increasing access to technology for students through the use of handheld computers for peer editing as students beam or hot sync their writing to peers, providing intense professional development, participating in the Intermediate Technology Certificate Program, a 50-hour series of professional development workshops and in-class mentors for teachers, posting student projects, teacher lesson plans, research and links to help parents, community members and teachers know what is going on throughout the project as well as highlighting the students. **URL:** http://www.starw.org/	• Alpha Smart – Dana • Digital cameras • Digital video cameras • Projectors • Visual Presenter • Scanners • HyperStudio • KidPix • Compass Learning
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District(s): Audubon Public Schools **School(s):** Haviland Avenue School Mansion Avenue School **Project Director:** Ms. Mariann Falchetta, Project Director 856-547-7695 x 161 falchetm@audubon.k12.nj.us **Superintendent:** Ms. Mary Anne Rende, Superintendent 856-547-1325	Participating in an on-going and systematic plan to raise student achievement in language arts literacy through the implementation of technology, providing intensive summer technology and literacy professional development, introducing skills that will assist in the design and delivery of instruction to meet identified needs, aligning instruction with the New Jersey Core Content Curriculum Standards to raise student achievement, implementing Accelerated Reader, after-school study groups, grade level meetings, in-class mentoring, modeling and observations, using wireless mobile computer labs on a regular basis for students to conduct research and expand their writing capabilities through writers' workshops, conducting literature circle activities by videoconferencing between the participating schools, posting student work and activities on a project web site. **URL:** http://www.audubon.k12.nj.us/	• 2 wireless labs • Teleconferencing • Accelerated Reader • Kidspiration
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District(s): Elizabeth Board of Education **School(s):** Abraham Lincoln Elementary School #14 **Project Director:** Ms. Julia A. Stapleton, Project Director 908-436-5302 stapleju@elizabeth.k12.nj.us **Superintendent:** Mr. Thomas G. Dunn, Jr., Superintendent 908-436-5010	Addressing the infusion of multiple technology resources to enhance the scientifically-based research materials in Elizabeth's newly implemented language arts literacy program. Abraham Lincoln School #14 is empowering students and staff in grades 3, 4, and 5 to integrate technology for reading and writing activities that align to the Core Curriculum Content Standards. The web-based system, NetSchools Orion, engages the STAR-W teachers in sharing lesson plans, providing continuous assessment, and managing information for data driven decisions. Professional development and mentoring are ongoing through the Union County Educational Technology Training Center and Innovative Designs for Education staff. Elizabeth's School 14 STAR-W web site showcases grant activities and students' pride in being STARS. **URL:** http://www.ngenkids.com/elizabeth	• Mobile wireless laptop cart • Digital cameras • Digital camcorder • DVD/RW • Projector • Videoconference cameras • Scanners • NetSchools Orion • Web tools • Inspiration • Houghton Mifflin and Open Court aligned software and materials

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District(s): Englewood Public School District **School(s):** Cleveland School Lincoln School **Project Director:** Ms. Rosemary Seitel, Project Director 201-862-6215 rseitel@epsd.echalk.com **Superintendent:** Dr. John Grieco, Superintendent 201-862-6000	Using technology to support process writing and reading development, extensive professional development, using a project-based learning model to foster active student learning, increasing teacher's technology implementation through teacher peer support and mentoring. **URL:** http://lincoln.echalk.com/www/lincoln/site/hosting/STAR/index.htm	• Wireless laptops • Projectors • Scanners • Digital cameras • Lexia Phonics • Power Proofreader • Kid Pix • Leveled Reader

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District(s): Florence Township School District Beverly City New Hanover Township **School(s):** Marcella Duffy Elementary School Roebling Elementary School **Project Director:** Mr. Steve Falcone, Project Director 609-499-4612 sfalcone@florence.k12.nj.us **Superintendent:** Dr. Louis Talarico, Superintendent 609-499-4600	Providing project LA2T2 (Language Arts Achievement Through Technology) targeted professional development, coaching, sharing and collaboration between three districts, Daily integrated curriculum lessons between three districts. **URL:** http://www.florence.k12.nj.us/Duffy/starw.htm	• Desktop computers • Wireless laptops • Printer • SuccessMaker

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District(s): Hackensack Board of Education **School(s):** Jackson Avenue School Fanny M. Hillers Elementary School 5-6 School at State Street **Project Director:** Dr. Mary Ann Reilly, Project Director 201-646-7829 m.reilly@hackensackschools.org **Superintendent:** Dr. Joseph Montesano, Superintendent 201-646-7830	Enhancing Reading and Writing in Technology-rich Environments (Project E-WRITE) Increasing student achievement in language arts literacy through the development of multi- and hypermedia units of study based on scientifically-based research. **URL:** http://www.hackensackschools.org/~hes/starw.htm	• Knowledge Box software • SmartBoards • Mobile laptops • Projectors • Printers • Digital cameras • Webcam • Inspiration

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District(s): Hoboken Board of Education **School(s):** Wallace School **Project Director:** Ms. Mary Lou Kane, Project Director 201-356-3665 mkane@hoboken.k12.nj.us **Superintendent:** Mr. Patrick Gagliardi, Superintendent 201-356-3601	Acquiring teacher proficiency in the use of educational technology integration including e-mail, web-browsing, web page development tools, search engine tools, safe practices, online specialized language arts software, providing access for students to Internet resources including letter, diaries, photographs, maps and artifacts from the past that promote learning and which stimulate and nurture a love of reading and writing. **URL:**	• SmartBoards • Projectors • Computers • Accelerated Reader • MS Office XP
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District(s): Lawnside Public Schools **School(s):** Lawnside Public School **Project Director:** Mr. Ralph Johnson, Project Driector 856-546-4850 rjohnson@lawnside.k12.nj.us **Superintendent:** Ms. Cassandra Brown, Superintendent 856-546-4850	Integrating technology into the curriculum and instruction to lead to increased student performance, setting the instructional stage in ways that will support new learning environments. **URL:**	• Desktop computers • Wireless laptop labs • Kurzweil 3000 • Start to Finish Books • Inspiration • Kidspiration • Co-Writer 4000 • Invitations to Literacy • MMS import/export
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District(s): Middle Township School District **School(s):** Middle Township Elementary #2 **Project Director:** Ms. Wendi Caulfield, Project Director 609-465-1827 x 301 caulfield@comcast.net **Superintendent:** Ms. Karen Buesing, Acting Superintendent 609-465-1800	Expanding and integrating the utilization of technology in the balanced literacy instructional blocks to enhance student learning, extending and supporting student learning through the restructuring of instruction so that technology use is a given. **URL:** http://www.middle.capemayschoolsx.com/mt2/index.html	• Wireless labs • SmartBoards • Projectors • TV, DVD, VCR • Digital video cameras • Electronic spellers • Accelerated Reader

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District(s): Monroe Township Public Schools **School(s):** Radix Elementary School **Project Director:** Ms. Diane Bernstein, Project Director 856-629-6400 x 1009 dbernstein@monroetwp.k12.nj.us **Superintendent:** Dr. Robert Terrill, Superintendent 856-629-6400	Focusing on increased access to technology within the classroom, ongoing communication with parents, videoconferencing, an aggressive teacher professional development program focusing on national technology standards and project-based learning environments, a support system made up of administration, a reading specialist and an in-class technology mentor to ensure integration of technology into the elementary curriculum. **URL:** http://www.monroetwp.k12.nj.us/es/radix/starw/starw.htm	• Desktop computers • Wireless laptops • Printers • Scanner • LCD projector • Digital camera • Imagination Express • Making Awesome iMovies • MS Office
District Information	**Description of Project**	**Technology used**
District(s): Ocean City Public Schools **School(s):** Ocean City Primary School Ocean City Intermediate School **Project Director:** Ms. Suzanne E. Tarasevich, Project Director 609-399-4234 etaraservic@aol.com **Superintendent:** Dr. Donald E. Dearborn, Superintendent 609-399-5150	Increasing student achievement in language arts literacy in grades three through five, integrating technology into the language arts curriculum and instruction, providing classroom teachers with intense, ongoing professional development opportunities and in-class support focused on integrating technology into curriculum and instruction. **URL:**	• Thin client workstations • Digital video cameras • Digtal cameras • ClassLink software • Astro Word • Book Builder • Multimedia Studio • Teacher's Technology Companion
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District(s): Ocean Gate School District **School(s):** Ocean Gate Elementary School **Project Director:** Ms. Toni Mullins, Project Director 732-269-3023 tmullins@oceangateschool.net **Superintendent:** Dr. Toni Mullins, Superintendent 732-269-3023	Providing teachers with relevant and sustained professional development, mentoring, coaching and in-class support that focuses on integrating technology into the language arts literacy curriculum, developing curriculum for student directed, differentiated instruction that includes lessons with a focus on Ocean Gate history, a virtually published online museum, and a parent information page on the school website. **URL:**	• SmartBoards • Digital cameras • Webcams • Inspiration • Kidspiration

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District(s): Orange Board of Education **School(s):** Park Avenue Elementary School **Project Director:** Ms. Benae Lambright, Project Director 973-677-4015 x 682 Lambribe@mail.orange.k12.nj.us **Superintendent:** Dr. Nathan Parker, Superintendent 973-677-4000	Offering in-class mentoring and summer workshops to promote effective infusion of technology into instruction in the CCCS in language arts literacy, reading and writing, encouraging parents to use the technology in the education of their child. **URL:** http://www.orange.k12.nj.us/~ettc/starw.htm	• Dana • Leapfrog Classroom library • Lexia Phonics Assessment • Lexia Phonics Intermediate Intervention software
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District(s): Oxford Township School District **School(s):** Oxford Central School **Project Director:** Ms. Jeanne Kimball, Project Director 908-453-4101 kimball@warrennet.org **Superintendent:** Mr. Dennis Wolf, Chief School Administrator 908-453-4101	Creating systemic change that will assist every student – regardless of race, ethnicity, income, geographical location, or disability – in becoming technologically literate by the end of eighth grade, providing intense professional development including ongoing, sustained raining, mentoring in-class, in-class support, online mentoring, mentoring in-district or within the school, online workshops and courses and regularly scheduled workshops, training parents on how to communicate with staff with e-mail and how to use the school's web site as a resource. **URL:** http://www.warrennet.org/starw/oxford/index.html	• Mobile computer lab • Handheld computers and keyboards • Rigby Reading • Reading & Writing software
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District(s): Paterson Public Schools **School(s):** School #10 **Project Director:** Dr. Jack A. Perna, Project Director 973-321-0995 jperna@paterson.k12.nj.us **Superintendent:** Dr. Edwin Duroy, State District Superintendent 973-321-0980	Fostering the relationships within the learning community so that the power of collaborative inquiry drives the professional development of teachers as well as the work of students, providing equitable access to a mobile computer lab with Internet connectivity and handheld computers, student-parent literature circles, increasing technological support for English-as-a-Second Language students, increasing differentiation of literacy curriculum, using e-books, Internet resources and aides by the "Generation Y" Program, communicating through e-mail, sharing through a constantly updated website, and using the project-based learning model, WebQuest. **URL:**	• Wireless laptop computers • LCD projectors • Dana handheld units • Digital video cameras • Printer • Scanners • Print Shop Suite • Moviemaker • Generation Y license • Generation Y hardware

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District(s): Pemberton Township Schools **School(s):** Denbo Elementary School **Project Director:** Ms. Kathy L. Bernacki, Project Director 609-893-8141 x 2087 kbernacki@pemb.org **Superintendent:** Mr. Mark Cowell, Superintendent 609-893-8141	Collaborating to produce desktop published products (literary magazines, classroom newsletters, school yearbook) using state of the art technology tools (digital cameras, literacy software, wireless laptop computers, color printers and CD-burners), choreographing engaging opportunities for young STAR-Writers to share their literacy products with diverse audiences. **URL:** http://www.pemberton.k12.nj.us/Denbo/default.htm	• Mobile wireless laptop lab • White boards • Digital cameras • CD-burners • Color printers • LCD projectors
District Information	**Description of Project**	**Technology used**
District(s): Stafford Township School District **School(s):** McKinley **Project Director:** Ms. Anu Vedantham, Project Director 609-489-0240 avedantham@staffordschools.org **Superintendent:** Mr. Ronald L. Meinders, Superintendent 609-978-5708	Offering extensive professional development opportunities consisting of a technology proficiency series at the beginner and intermediate levels, integrating technology into the reading and writing process, supporting participating teachers with an in-class mentoring program as they develop lesson plans and curricula that integrate technology, posting information, lesson plans, curricular ideas and parent information on the web site. **URL:** http://www.staffordschools.org/starw/	• Laptops • Scanners • Handheld computers • Digital cameras • Plasma Screens • Printers • Inspiration • Reading for Meaning • Eye-Q • Hollywood software • Scholastic Reading Inventory
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District(s): Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education Pitman Public Schools **School(s):** Thomas Stratton **Project Director:** Ms. Joan M. Jackson, Project Director 856-467-0146 jjackson@swedesboro-woolwich.com **Superintendent:** Mr. Richard Fisher, Superintendent 856-467-0221	Initiating a comprehensive innovative partnership that advances inter-district collaboration in the pursuit of the goal to increasing student achievement of the NJCCCS in language arts by at least 5%, utilizing research-based instructional strategies that integrates technology with reading and writing instruction intending to motivate and engage all learners, merging research-based learning and teleconferencing resources as the public school and nonpublic school teachers collaborate to create "A Community of Learners." **URL:**	• Videoconferencing • Mobile laptop lab • DVD/VCR • Kidspiration • Media Blender

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District(s): Trenton Public Schools **School(s):** Parker Elementary School **Project Director:** Ms. Cheryl D. Heath, Project Director 609-278-3068 cheath@trenton.k12.nj.us **Superintendent:** Dr. James Lytle, Superintendent 609-989-2744	Providing on-site mentoring and traditional training for teachers, training teachers, students and parents on sophisticated hardware and software methods which support the development of students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills for language arts literacy, using writing strategies such as Orton-Gillingham and Write Traits training. **URL:** http://www.trenton.k12.nj.us/starw	• Wireless laptops • Server • Projector • SmartBoard • Digital cameras • Video camera • Color printer • Scanner • Easybook deluxe
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District(s): Union Beach Board of Education Keyport Public Schools **School(s):** Memorial School **Project Director:** Ms. Vanessa P. Clark, Project Director 732-264-5400 x 133 vclark@ub.k12.nj.us **Superintendent:** Mr. Arthur J. Waltz, Superintendent 732-264-5405	Working as partners, the Keyport third and fourth grade teachers will act as peer coaches/ trainers, sharing information, curriculum and technology expertise in project-based learning, assessing the implementation of technology into instruction and its effect on student achievement. **URL:** http://www.star-w.net/star-w/	• Dana units • Desktop computers • Laptop computers • HyperStudio
District Information	**Description of Project**	**Technology used**
District(s): West New York Board of Education **School(s):** Public School Three **Project Director:** Ms. Barbara Deitmaring, Project Director 201-553-4020 x 8212 bdeitmaring@wnyschools.net **Superintendent:** Mr. Anthony Yankovich, Superintendent 201-553-4000	Empowering all third, fourth and fifth grade teachers in the school to integrate technology in the classroom curriculum through intense and on-going professional development providing a comprehensive cumulative series of workshops, curriculum integration training, coaching and mentoring using strong assessment and evaluation components to guide program planning and ensuring student achievement, availing lesson plans and projects for replication through the web site and promoting parental and community awareness. **URL:** http://www.wnyschools.net/starw/starw.htm	• Wireless laptops in classrooms and library • Projection units • Digital cameras • Scanners • PowerPoint • Inspiration • Print Shop • Specialized Language Arts Software • Web Site Development

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District(s): White Township Consolidated School District **School(s):** White Township Consolidated School **Project Director:** Ms. Linda Heilman, Project Director 908-475-4773 X 229 lheilman@warrennet.org **Superintendent:** Mr. Anthony T. Amato, Chief School Administrator 908-475-4773	Combining the effective integration of technology resources and systems with professional development to promote research-based instructional methods that can be widely replicated throughout the rural area, and then throughout the state. **URL:** http://www.warrennet.org/whiteschool/welcome.htm	• Wireless mobile lab • LCD projectors • Inspiration • Mosaics of the Mind • Co-Writer • MS Office • Adobe PageMaker • Digital cameras
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District(s): Winslow Township School District **School(s):** Winslow Township School #5 Winslow Township School #6 **Project Director:** Ms. Andrea Guogas, Project Director 609-561-4102 guogasan@winslow-schools.com **Superintendent:** Dr. Lawrence A. Hobdell, Superintendent 856-767-2850	Empowering students and staff members with greater access to information and learning opportunities through extensive ongoing professional development, in-class support and mentoring to participating teachers, providing a foundation for life long learning, strengthening partnerships through teleconferencing activities, inviting nonpublic schools, parents and other community members in to broaden the teaching and learning processes. **URL:** http://www.winslow-schools.com/wttech13.htm	• SmartBoards • LCD projectors • Criterion software • Perfect copy • Phonics, handwriting & vocabulary software • Inspiration • Accelerated Reader
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District(s): Woodlynne Public Schools Deptford Township Schools **School(s):** Woodlynne Public School **Project Director:** Mr. William Frank, Jr., Project Director 856-962-8822 WmFrankjr@yahoo.com **Superintendent:** Dr. Patricia T. Doloughty, Superintendent 856-962-8822	Providing teachers and students from both districts with invaluable knowledge and experience that will excite and challenge all involved participants, providing on-going, sustained professional development for teachers through a two week summer "boot camp", distance learning, mentoring and in-house professional development, initiating student peer review via E-pals in an effort to improve student writing, experiencing new ways of learning by utilizing mobile wireless laptop labs, digital cameras and scanners. **URL:** http://www.deptford.k12.nj.us/star/	• Wireless laptop labs • Desktop computers • Printers • Scanners • Digital cameras • Projectors • MS Office XP • Kidspiration • Print Shop • Kid Pix • Compass Learning Odyssey